Misreporting on terrorist activities in J and K

†2732. SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have suffered a severe diplomatic setback due to misreporting in Indian newspapers regarding terrorist activities being conducted by Pakistan in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, whether Government would consider imposing a ban on such newspapes and journalists;

(c) if so, by when; and

(d) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INFORAMTION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) to (d) No Sir. In fact, there is an increasing recognition among the international community of Pakistan's role in sponsoring cross-border terrorism and a growing acknowledgement of the validity of India's concerns on the role of Pakistan as a sponsor of terrorism directed against India. Most Indian newspapers have, in fact, highlighted the role of Pakistan as the epicenter of global terrorism and as the sponsor of cross-border terrorism in J and K. The Indian Media has also constantly reported on the activities of Pakistani agencies in formenting instablity, violence and bloodshed in the State of J and K.

Air, Panaji, Goa

2733. SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the number of staff of All India Radio, Panaji, designation-wise;

(b) the number of hours of broadcasting of All India Radio, Panaji;

(c) the reasons for not extending MW and FM transmissions from All India Radio, Panaji:

(d) the areas to which international broadcasts are made from the high-powered transmitters at Bambolim, Goa; and

(e) the capacity of radio transmitters stationed in Goa and percentage of capacity utilization in each case?

THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ): (a) The Information is given in the Statement-I (*See* below)

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.